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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/734,341	ARCAMONTE ET AL.
	Examiner Chapman E. Jeanette	Art Unit 3635

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 December 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 4-26 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3,27 and 28 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

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Claims 1 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Paragraph (d) of claim 1 has no clear meaning. Applicant has improperly employed the alternative "or". This alternative is used properly used when reciting elements of equivalence. Applicant is attempting to recite the blocks location in a two panel door versus that in a three or four panel door.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-3 and 27-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Kobayashi et al (7150130).

Kobayashi et al discloses a sliding door glass system comprising:

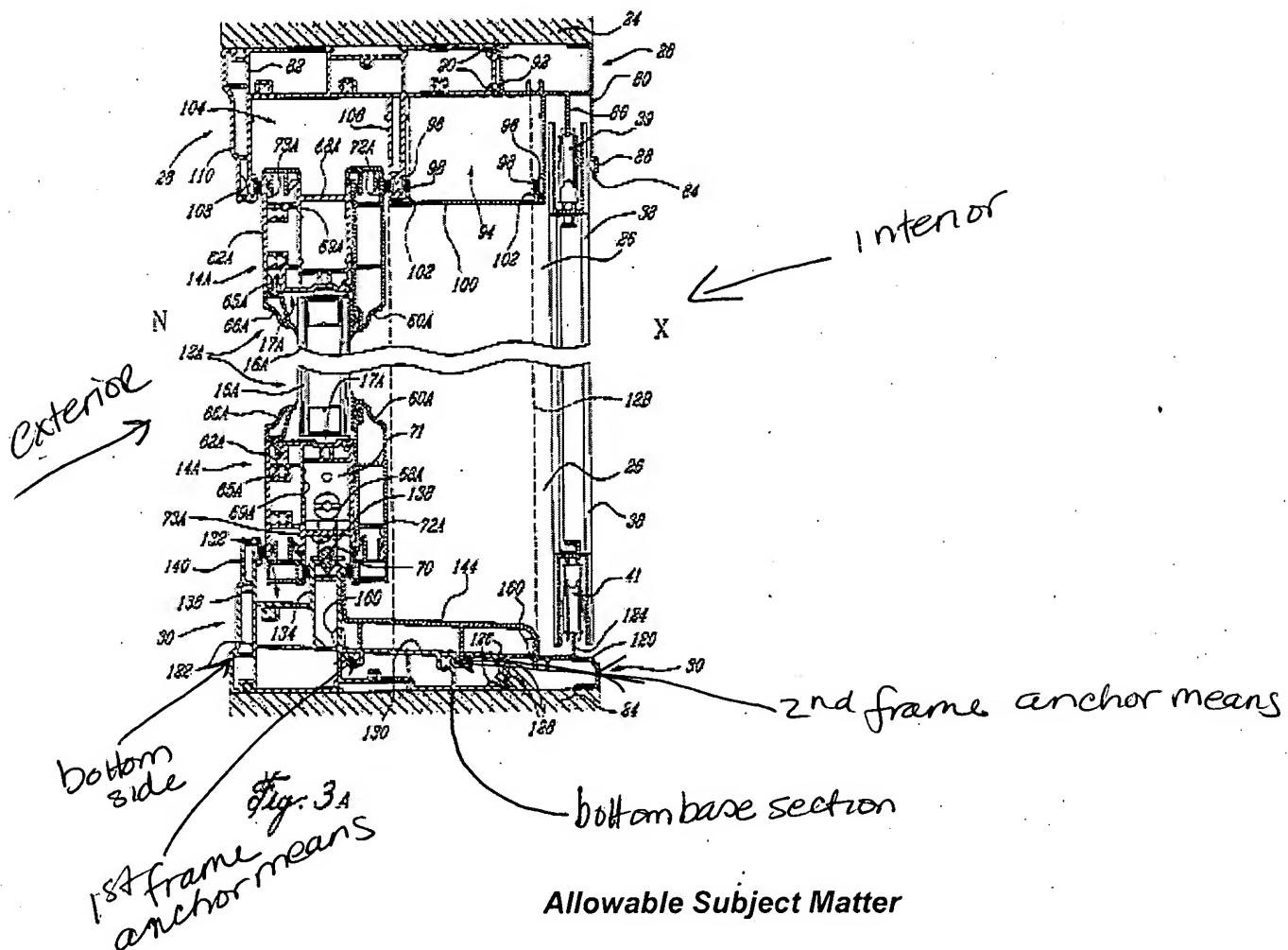
- A door frame 26/28/30 positioned in a structured opening 24 and comprising
 - a sliding door panel roller track 138 extending along a bottom portion or the sill 30
 - a sliding door panel track 14A
 - the sliding door panel roller 70 and tracks 14A are positioned at an exterior of the door frame; see figures 3A and 3B
 - the bottom portion comprises a bottom base section connected perpendicularly to a bottom side section
 - the bottom portion has first and second bottom frame anchor means; see annotations on drawing figure below
- at least one fixed door panel 12B comprising
 - a fixed door sash 14B
 - a glass panel 12B carried in the fixed sash 14B
 - the fixed door positioned at an interior side of the door frame; see figures 3A and 3B
- At least one sliding door panel 12A comprising:
 - The sliding door positioned between the roller 70 and the tracks 28
 - A sliding door sash 14A
 - A glass panel 12A carried in the sash 14A

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- sliding rollers 70 extending outwardly from a bottom of the sash 14A and engaging the track 138
- sealing brackets 104 and 132 on an internal side of the sliding door sash extending horizontally along a top and bottom portion of the sliding door sash 14A
- the sealing brackets protrude from the sliding sash
- A bottom sealing block 144 and a top sealing block 100 horizontally aligned between the fixed door panel and an opposing side portion 26 of the door frame 26
- Wherein when the sliding door panel 12A is in a closed position, the sliding door brackets 104 and 132 are in direct contact with the block external sealing rims along the top and bottom sealing blocks; see figure 3A
- A sliding screen 38B slidably positioned between a pair of tracks 84; see figure 3A in the door frame including
 - A sash 88
 - A screen panel 38 carried in the sash and sliding screen rollers 41

NOTE: SEE DRAWING FIGURES BELOW TO SEE THE INTERIOR AND

EXTERIOR SIDE LABELED



Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4-26 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chapman E. Jeanette whose telephone number is 571-272-6841. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-thursday, 8:30-6:00, every fri. off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Friedman Carl can be reached on 571-272-6842. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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